showed themselves so inconsiderate of the feelings of others, wantonly desecrating sacred places, that now all except Hindus are excluded. We stood outside, however, and watched the stream of eager crowds enter and leave ; and close by was the Well of Knowledge, surrounded by a beautiful colonnade of forty pillars, the gift of the widow of the Maharaja Scindia, Here the brahmans were seated, reading from the Vedas (the book of early Aryan prayers and hymns), while pilgrims, with earnest prayers and tearful eyes, received the holy-water ladled out by the priest.

Our brahman guide conducted us afterwards to another shrine, where women, like Hannah, pray for handsome and stalwart sons ; and finally to the temple of the Witness Bearer, where the pilgrim, after completing his round of devotions, receives the crowning verification of it.

A good many of us who are interested in the life of India below the surface being

present, some Hindu friends arranged with a certain sect of Shivite Hindus who claim the power of rendering fire harmless, to give an exhibition of their powers. Accordingly, a

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